

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. But when
large companies
control the
airwaves, we get
more of what's good
for the bottom line
and less of what we
need for our
democracy. Instead
of something
produced at "News
Central" far away,
it's more important
that we see real
people from our own
communities and more
substantive news
about issues that
matter.

I strongly feel that
Sinclair is not
acting in the public
interest by ordering
its affiliates to
air a strongly
partisan film so
close to the
election, and
calling it news,
thereby avoiding
equal time
provisions. The
fact that Sinclair
feels that it can
proceed with this
action demonstrates
the corporation's
arrogant belief that
it can flout FCC
rules with impunity.

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process

needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard. Thank you.